CLAIMS:

- 1. A golf ball having a spherical surface wherein raised ridges which each extend to define a non-circular shape delimiting a predetermined area are integrally formed on the spherical surface.
- 2. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the non-circular shape is a polygonal shape.

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3. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein a ridge extending to define a similar, smaller non-circular shape is located inside and/or outside the ridge extending to define a non-circular shape.

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- 4. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein an annular ridge is located inside and/or outside the ridge extending to define a non-circular shape.
- 5. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein a linear ridge is located inside and/or outside the ridge extending to define a non-circular shape.
- 6. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein a chevron ridge is
 25 located inside and/or outside the ridge extending to define a
 non-circular shape.
 - 7. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the spherical surface is provided with dimples.

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- 8. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the ridge has a top of arcuate contour.
- 9. The golf ball of claim 8 wherein the arcuate contour has a radius of curvature of 0.2 to 2.0 mm.

- 10. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the ridge has a height of 0.05 to 0.4 mm from the spherical surface.
- 11. The golf ball of claim 7 wherein the dimple has a depth of 0.05 to 0.4 mm from the spherical surface.
 - 12. The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the ridges each extending to define a non-circular shape are arranged in accordance with the spherical octahedral, icosahedral or other polyhedral pattern.

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13. The golf ball of claim 1 further comprising a ridge extending along a great circle of the ball.